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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Upon further review of applicants' arguments in the Appeal Brief of September 7, 2004, the prosecution of the application is being reopened in view of applicant's position that the secondary reference of Patent No. 5,806,181 (Khandros) is an improper reference. This is inspite of informing the applicant that the inadvertent typographical error and that the correct reference should be Patent No. 5,866,181 (Hill) in the Office Action of January 21, 2004. It is also noted that the PTO-form 892 attached to the Office Action of June 4, 2003 lists the correct Patent number and the Office Action, in paragraphs 6 and 7 refers to "Hill" correctly.

Hence, the prosecution is being reopened and an action on the merit follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2 and 4-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boyd (6010724).

Boyd relates to a wrapping system comprising a sheet member (10) having an upper face (14) and a lower face (12), and a removable adhesive (16, 18) disposed on the lower face. The adhesive remains removable for an initial period of at least about 30 days because the adhesive stays removable. The adhesive comprises acrylic based (col. 3, lines 1-3). The sheet material can be paper foil, cellophane, polymer film, etc.

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(col. 2, lines 30-33) and can have barrier layer like wax on one surface (col. 2, lines 34-37), wherein the wax is understood to be nonstick material. Figure-1 shows the adhesive in a striped pattern. The adhesive strips are macroscopic as shown in the areas of 16, 17 and 18 in the drawings.

The adhesive of Boyd and the instant claimed invention are both acrylic based and hence, would exhibit same properties, inherently such as remaining removable for at least 30 days and the claimed peel strength of 0.5 to 2.5 pli , as claimed, because the adhesive stays removable.

The phrase "becomes non-removable...initial period" is directed to a future use of the product and has not been given any patentable weight because said phrase is not found to be of positive limitation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 1-10 and 15-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyd in view of Hill (5866181).

Boyd , as discussed above, fails to teach that the adhesive is in a regular repeating pattern. Hill relates to a wrapping assembly wherein the adhesive is provided in a discrete pattern of spaced adhesive stripes (abstract and figure-3) to provide for detachability but not inadvertent detachability. The adhesive stripes leaves uniformly dispersed discontinuities. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to utilize Hill's teaching of using repeating and regular pattern of adhesive strips in the invention of Boyd with the motivation to prevent inadvertent detachability.

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Use of a release liner to cover the adhesive and protect it from adverse conditions is well known and conventional in the adhesive art.

As for the adhesive being repositionable for at least one day and its peel strength, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art because Boyd's adhesive stays repositionable and said repositionable adhesive would exhibit the peel strength as claimed.

4. Claims 11-14 and 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyd in view of Hill.

Boyd and Hill, as discussed above, fails to teach that the adhesive pattern can be checkered, crisscrossed, scallop, or reverse scallop. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to modify Hill by providing said adhesive pattern, instead of the striped pattern, to provide for aesthetic appeal.

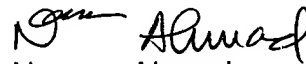
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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